

Na Mana'o O Ka Po'e

"The People's Views"



From the Hawai'i State Legislature's Public Access Room

State Capitol, Room 401

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E Komo Mai TO THE OPENING DAY OF THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE "PAR-STYLE"

Please join us at the Public Access Room's Open House on Opening Day, Jan. 19. Users and friends can munch on light pupus, sip our famous sherbet punch and trade predictions of what will be the hot topics of the session.

Meet the Public Access Room staff, refresh your memory about the resources available here and grab some of our updated handouts.

It's also a good time to renew networking contacts with other citizens and sign up for PAR workshops (see the list on the back side of this newsletter).

INFORMATION ON THE WEB

Easy-to-use search engines within these government websites give quick access to a wealth of information about current laws and pending legislation.

Hawaii State Legislature:
www.capitol.hawaii.gov

Public Access Room:
www.state.hi.us/lrb/par

Legislative Reference Bureau Library:
www.state.hi.us/lrb/

State of Hawaii:
www.state.hi.us

THE PUBLIC ACCESS ROOM IS HERE FOR YOU



The mission of the Public Access Room is to provide the information, training and tools to help citizens participate actively and effectively in the process.

We offer assistance in our room at the State Capitol, by telephone, through our website, and by e-mail.

Please see a listing of our free, ongoing classes on the other side of this newsletter.

Location: State Capitol
Room 40 1
415 Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 968 13

Hours 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. weekdays
During 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturdays, with
Session: extended hours during deadlines

Phone: (808) 587-0478

Toll-free from Neighbor Islands:

Hawaii: 974-4000, ext. 7-0478
Maui: 984-2400, ext. 7-0478
Kaua'i: 274-3 141, ext. 7-0478
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E-mail: par@capitol.hawaii.gov

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PUBLIC ACCESS WORKSHOPS

The Public Access Room offers five free workshops to the public on a continuing basis this session. Here's our schedule for January and February. Contact us to register for an individual workshop or to inquire about scheduling any of our workshops for your group or organization.

The Legislative Process and Citizen Participation

Basic training for those new to the Legislature and a good refresher for all. Find out how the Legislature works, including the legislative calendar, the committee structure and more.

Thurs. **Jan. 20** Noon-1:30 p.m.
Tues. **Jan. 25** 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
Wed. **Feb. 2** Noon-1:30 p.m.
Thurs. **Feb. 10** Noon-1:30 p.m.
Wed. **Feb. 16** Noon-1:30 p.m.
Thurs. **Feb. 24** Noon-1:30 p.m.
Tues. **Feb. 29** 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

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Presenting Effective Testimony

Learn how to present testimony – written and oral – that best communicates your position to legislators.

Mon. **Jan. 24** Noon-1:30 p.m.
Fri. **Jan. 28** Noon-1:30 p.m.
Thurs. **Feb. 3** Noon-1:30 p.m.
Tues. **Feb. 8** 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
Thurs. **Feb. 17** Noon-1:30 p.m.

Also Available in the PAR

- Testimony photocopying
- Hawai'i Revised Statutes
- LRB reports
- Voter registration forms
- Reference materials
- Capitol maps

Reading Legislative Documents

We'll help you understand and use many of the forms, documents and records the Legislature uses in its work.

Fri. **Jan. 21** Noon-1:30 p.m.
Mon. **Jan. 31** Noon-1:30 p.m.
Tues. **Feb. 22** 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

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State Budget Process

Learn the basics of how the state collects, budgets and spends tax dollars. Material will include sources of revenues, the role of the Council on Revenues, the budget timetable and reading budget documents. A basic knowledge of the legislative process is recommended.

Wed. **Jan. 26** Noon-1:30 p.m.
Fri. **Feb. 4** Noon-1:30 p.m.
Tues. **Feb. 15** 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
Wed. **Feb. 23** Noon-1:30 p.m.

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Helpful Internet Sites

Did you know you can track legislation on the web? Let the Public Access Room staff orient you to the wealth of information about the Legislature and government available on several excellent Internet sites.

Thurs. **Jan. 27** Noon-1:30 p.m.
Tues. **Feb. 1** 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
Wed. **Feb. 9** Noon-1:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

Date Deadline

Jan. 12 Prefiling of bills.
Jan. 19 **Opening Day.**
Jan. 24 **State-of-the-State.**
Jan. 25 **State-of-the -
Judiciary.**
Jan. 27 **Bill intro deadline.**
Jan. 28 One-day recess.
Feb. 4 Grant and subsidy
request submission
deadline.
Feb. 18 **First Lateral.**
All bills to final
committee in the
originating body.
Feb. 23 Mandatory 5-day
recess.
Mar. 3 Filing deadline for
First Decking. Last
day to deck non-
budget bills for Third
Reading in originating
body.
Mar. 6 One-day recess.
Mar. 7 **First Decking** for
budget bills.
Mar. 8 One-day recess.
Mar. 9 **First Crossover.** Last
day for third Reading
of bills in originating
body.
Mar. 24 **Second Lateral.** All
bills to final committee
in non-originating
body.
Apr. 7 **Second Decking.** Last
day to deck bills that
were amended by the
receiving body.
Apr. 10 One-day recess.
Apr. 12 One-day recess.
Apr. 13 **Second Crossover.**
Disagree Date.
Apr. 17 Last day to name
conferees.
Apr. 18 One-day recess.
Apr. 27 Deck non-fiscal bills
for **Final Reading.**
Apr. 28 Deck fiscal bills
for **Final Reading.**
May 1 One-day recess.
May 2 Adjournment Sine Die.